

(In crores of Rs.)

1986-87	216.43
1987-88	190.87
1988-89	169.73
1989-90	262.99
1990-91	191.65

(c) Some of the long term measures planned are computerisation of Post Offices, improvement of SPEED POST in order to generate more revenue, cutting down of costs and increase earning.

[Translation]

Head Post Offices in districts of Bihar.

1721. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Bihar where Head Post Officers have been opened;

(b) the names of the districts where Head Post Offices have not yet been opened; and

(c) the time by which Head Post Offices are likely to be opened in all the District Headquarters, particularly in Sahibganj?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYANAI DU): (A) 1. Aurangabad 2. Banka 3. Begusarai 4. Bettiah 5. Bhagalpur 6. Bhojpur 7. Biharsarif 8. Bokaro 9. Buxur 10. Chaibasa 11. Daltonganj 12. Darbhanga 13. Deoghar 14. Dhanbad 15. Dumka 16. Gaya 17. Giridih 18. Gopalganj 19. Gumla 20. Hajipur 21. Hazaribag 22. Jamshedpur 23. Katihar 24. Madhubani 25. Motihari 26.

Munger 27. Muzaffarpur 28. Gawada 29. Patna 30. Purnea 31. Ranchi 32. Sasaram 33. Saran 34. Saharsa 35. Samastipur 36. Sitamarhi 37. Siwan.

(b) 1. Araria 2. Bhabua 3. Garhwa 4. Godda 5. Jamui 6. Jehanabad 7. Khagaria 8. Kishanganj 9. Lohardaga 10. Madhepura 11. Sehebganj 12. Supaul.

(c) There is no justification for opening of Head Post Office at Sahibganj as per departmental norms. No time limit can be fixed for the opening of Head Post Offices in the remaining districts.

Erratic Power supply in Bihar

1722. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of Power and NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether power is supplied to Sahibganj, Santhal-Pargana of Bihar by N.T.P.C. Centre located in Farraka;

(b) whether the power supply in this area particularly in three hill areas of Pakur, Sahibganj and Barharvan is erratic very irregular; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the government to ensure regular power supply for atleast fifteen hours per day in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Power from various Central Generating Stations, including the NTPC's Power Station at Farakka, is fed into the regional grids from where it gets distributed amongst the various beneficiary States/ Systems as per their respective shares. While various measures are taken to improve the availability of power to Bihar, including assistance from the Central Generating Sta-

tions and from the neighbouring systems in the Eastern Region and the Northern Grid whenever systems conditions are conducive to such transfer, the power supply to the various districts of Bihar is given from the distribution system of the state and falls within the purview of the Bihar state Government/Bihar state Electricity Board.

[English]

New Telephone connections in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

1723. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with the government for release of new telephone connections in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of application pending for Telephone connections in Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) as on 31.10.91 are 9248.

(b) As per draft 8th plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide telephone connections with waiting period not to exceed 2 years for large systems. Accordingly, telephone connections to persons in waiting list in Tiruppur will be provided progressively be the middle of 8th Plan.

OYT connections in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

1724. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for the release of OYT connections in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of applications for the OYT connections pending in Coimbatore (TN) as on 31.10.91 are 2465.

(b) As per draft 8th Plan proposals, expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide telephone connections with waiting period not to exceed 2 years in large systems. Accordingly these pending applications will be cleared progressively by the middle of 8th Plan.

Setting up relay Centres in towns of Pali district, Rajasthan

1725. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set a T.V. relay station at Bali, Desuri, Phalna, Sumerpur, Jaitaran, Sojat, Ranipur, Marwar Jn. and other important towns of the Pali district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the plan drawn up to cover the entire Pali district by TV relay; and

(c) the time by which the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Whereas a low power TV transmitter is at present functioning at Pali, the headquarter town, parts of the district are